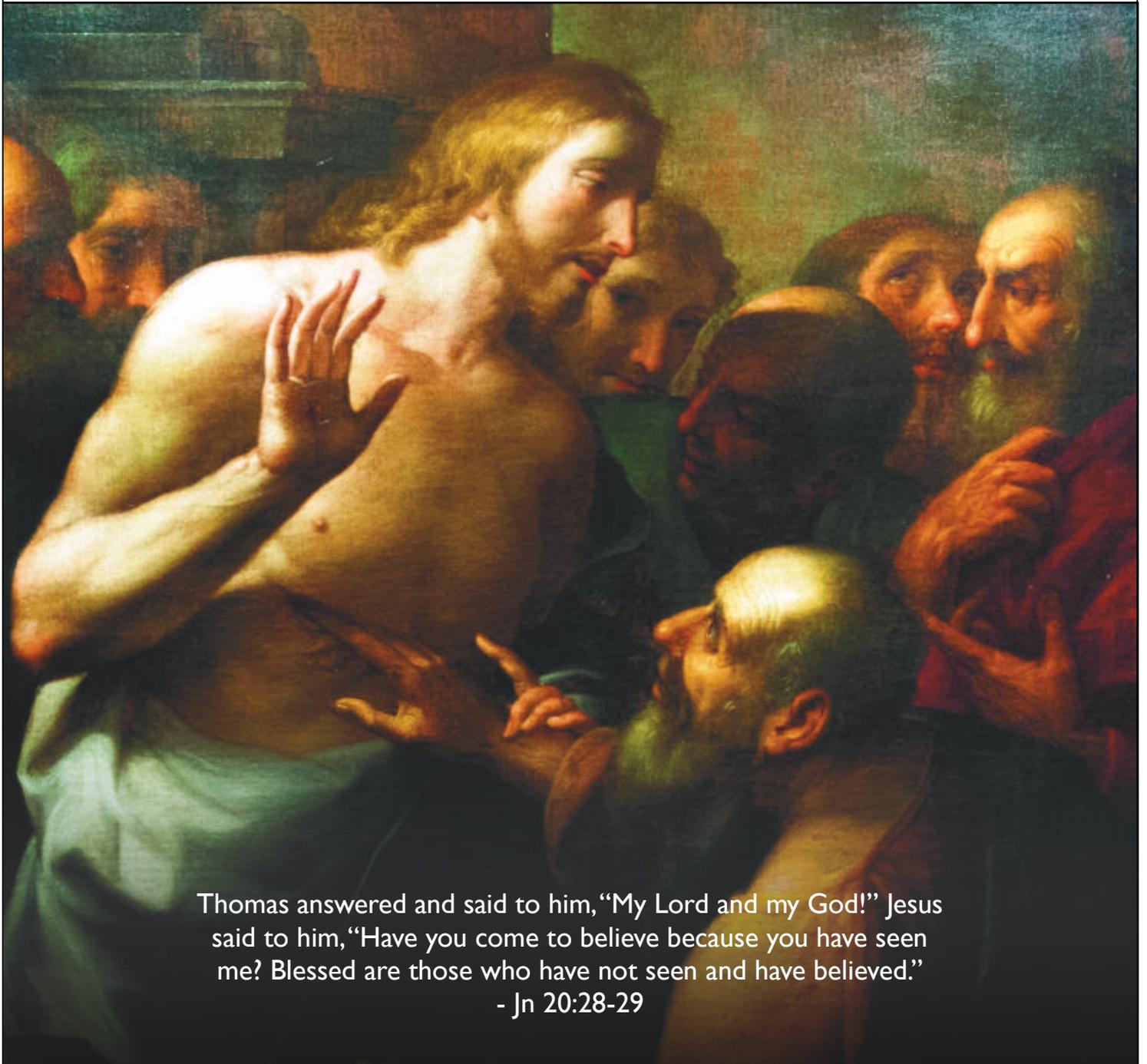




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Thomas answered and said to him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you come to believe because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed."
- Jn 20:28-29

2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER

✪ APRIL 11, 2021 ✪

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HE IS RISEN INDEED!



Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

The ancient and traditional greeting between Christians on Easter morning is “Christ is risen!” to which the response is, “He is risen indeed! Alleluia!”

What a glorious declaration to make! What a joyful truth to proclaim! In this simple exchange is contained the fulfillment of the *Euangelion*: The Gospel, the *Good News* of Jesus Christ which we whole-heartedly affirm to one another and joyfully share with the world. In this time of fear and pandemic, it is the Truth that dispels fear and the Light that dispels the darkness. In the Resurrection of Jesus Christ, we are reminded that there is more than death that awaits us at the end of our earthly existence, more than the darkness of the grave; we have witnessed the triumph over sin and death!

In his first letter to the church at Corinth, St. Paul reminds the people of centrality of the Resurrection:

For I handed on to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures; that he was buried; that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures; (1 Cor. 15:3-4)

But if Christ is preached as raised from the dead, how can some among you say there is no resurrection of the dead? If there is no resurrection of the dead, then neither has Christ been raised. And if Christ has not been raised, then empty [too] is our preaching; empty, too, your faith. Then we are also false witnesses to God, because we testified against God that he raised Christ, whom he did not raise if in fact the dead are not raised. For if the dead are not raised, neither has Christ been raised, and if Christ has not been raised, your faith is vain; you are still in your sins. Then those who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished. If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are the most pitiable people of all. (1 Cor. 15:12-19)

Ours is not a vain and empty faith! Beyond all hope and beyond all expectation, the Christ who suffered, died, and was buried, lives!

During the fifty days of the Easter season, we continue to proclaim with joy the Resurrection. As spring continues to unfold, as the days grow warmer and longer, and as we look with ever-increasing hope for an end to the current pandemic and a return to normalcy, we remember that all of our hopes have their source in God, and that the true fulfillment of our joy was made possible through the Passion, Death, and Resurrection of Jesus Christ our Lord!

—Fr. Jim Bates, Parochial Administrator

MUSIC FOR THE LITURGY

O filii et filiae

The late medieval hymn *O filii et filiae* (O Sons and Daughters) is certainly one of the great songs of the Easter season. Its history is complex, but its words come to us clothed in a melody thought to be of French folk origin. Our hymnal, *Worship IV*, cites the hymn as a Mode II (hypodorian mode) French carol from the 15th century—and it certainly has the triple-meter feeling of a carol. The Latin text is attributed to Jean Tisserand (d. 1494); our hymnal uses the traditional translation by John Mason Neale (1818–1866). The 4th-9th verses are the ones most appropriate for the Second Sunday of Easter and for the Feast of Saint Thomas (21 December). Its musical presentation reveals the equal-note plainsong tradition of the melody.

VIDEO: *O filii et filiae* (*Chrétiens chantons*) in procession at Notre-Dame de Paris—Chant and organ improvisations
<https://youtu.be/Jo4ERFQLFRw>

Adoro te devote

One of the five Eucharistic hymns penned by Saint Thomas Aquinas, *Adoro te devote* is one of my personal favorites and appears this week in the form of chorale preludes: a quiet *Offertoire* setting by Alexandre Guilmant, an ornamented chorale by Healy Willan, and a *Grand Chœur* by Louis Raffy.

While this hymn may be sung at any time—and indeed, I choose to use it frequently throughout the church year—the 4th verse is particularly appropriate for the Second Sunday of Easter. Translated below:

Plagas, sicut Thomas, non intueor:
 Deum tamen meum te confiteor.
 Fac me tibi semper magis credere,
 In te spem habere, te diligere.

*I do not see your wounds, as Thomas did;
 still, I profess that you are my God.
 Help me to always believe more in you,
 place my trust in you, and love you.*

Regina caeli

The Marian antiphon for the season changes from *Ave Regina caelorum* to *Regina caeli*. Appropriately, an Alleluia is sung at the end of each line. The *Regina caeli* is traditionally sung until Pentecost Sunday, after which it would change to the *Salve Regina* for Ordinary Time.

—Neil Flores, Organist and Director of Music

NOTES ON O FILII ET FILIAE ADAPTED FROM DAVID HURD, MUS.D.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, April 10

4:00 PM All our parishioners

Sunday, April 11—Second Sunday of Easter

8:00 AM James Coe

10:30 AM Mary Fahey

Monday, April 12

8:00 AM John & Elizabeth Cherry

Tuesday, April 13

8:00 AM All our parishioners

Wednesday, April 14

8:00 AM All our parishioners

Thursday, April 15

8:00 AM All our parishioners

Saturday, April 17

4:00 PM The Fiordelisi Family

Sunday, April 18—Third Sunday of Easter

8:00 AM All our parishioners

10:30 AM Francesco Gencarelli

*The sanctuary candle
 this week is in memory of
 Thomas F. Maloney.*

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 11, 2021

Sunday:	Acts 4:32-35/Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24 [1]/ Jn 5:1-6/Jn 20:19-3
Monday:	Acts 4:23-31/Ps 2:1-3, 4-7a, 7b-9 [cf. 11d]/ Jn 3:1-8
Tuesday:	Acts 4:32-37/Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5 [1a]/Jn 3:7b-15
Wednesday:	Acts 5:17-26/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [7a]/Jn 3:16-21
Thursday:	Acts 5:27-33/Ps 34:2 and 9, 17-18, 19-20 [7a]/Jn 3:31-36
Friday:	Acts 5:34-42/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14 [cf. 4abc]/Jn 6:1-15
Saturday:	Acts 6:1-7/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19 [22]/Jn 6:16-21
Next Sunday:	Acts 3:13-15, 17-19/Ps 4:2, 4, 7-8, 9 [7a]/ Jn 2:1-5a/Lk 24:35-48

FAITH FORMATION NEWS



No Faith Formation Classes

There are no Faith Formation classes for grades one through six on Sunday, April 11, 2021, and grade seven on Tuesday, April 13, 2021. Our final sessions—“Praise Days”—will be rescheduled to dates later in April.

First Eucharist Workshop—April 18, 2021

The workshop for children preparing for First Eucharist will be held at 9:30 AM on Sunday, April 18, 2021 in Doran Hall. During the workshop we will learn more about Jesus, practice how to receive Jesus in Holy Communion, read the story of Benjamin’s Box, and create memory boxes.

Confirmation 2021

The Confirmation retreat will be held on Sunday, April 11, 2021 from 1-5 PM. Our focus will be on the Sacrament of the Eucharist. The retreat will include Eucharistic Adoration as well as a brief rehearsal.



The date of Confirmation 2021 has been set by the Office of the Bishop. Confirmation at Saint Maurice will be held at 6 p.m. on Wednesday, April 14, 2021.

Sunday Reading and Background: John 20:19-31

In today’s Gospel, Jesus greets his disciples with the gift of peace. Jesus then commissions his disciples to continue the work that he has begun; as Jesus was sent by God, so Jesus sends his disciples. He gives his disciples the gift of the Holy Spirit so that they will be able to accomplish this task. Jesus’ words to his disciples also highlight the connection between the forgiveness of sins and the gift of the Holy Spirit. With the grace of the Holy Spirit, we can share forgiveness and reconciliation with others.

Thomas, the doubting disciple in today’s reading, represents the reality of the Church that comes after this first community of witnesses to Jesus. All but the first disciples of Jesus must believe without seeing. Like Thomas, we may doubt the news that Jesus, who was crucified and buried, appeared to his disciples. Our human nature seeks hard evidence that the Jesus who appeared to his disciples after his death is indeed the same Jesus who was crucified. Thomas is given the opportunity to be our representative in obtaining this evidence. He gives witness to us that the Jesus who was raised is the same Jesus who died. Through the 

gift of the Holy Spirit, we are among those who are blessed, for we have not seen and yet believe.

For reflection and discussion: What is the first thing Jesus says to his disciples who are hiding behind locked doors? How do we experience the peace and forgiveness of Jesus in the Church today?

Meet an April Saint—Stanislaus of Krakow

Feast Day: April 11; Canonized: 1253

Stanislaus is the patron saint of Poland. Stanislaus was born to a noble family in 1030 in a small town near Krakow, Poland. When he was very young, he told his parents that he wanted to be a priest. They were proud that their son had a calling to serve God. They sent Stanislaus to schools as far away as Paris so that he would have the best training for his ministry.



Stanislaus became a famous preacher. He inspired people to be better followers of Jesus and encouraged sinners to repent and to join the Church. He always found time to listen to people, to give them advice, and to bless them.

People rejoiced when Stanislaus was appointed Bishop of Krakow. He became a great leader. He opened his house to the poor and cared for the sick and elderly people. He helped people remember how important it is to live according to Jesus’ teachings. He also spoke out against injustice.

The king of Poland, Boleslaus II, was feared by his people. He treated them cruelly. He ordered them to fight in unjust wars. He cheated the poor. He broke the Commandments. Bishop Stanislaus said that the king’s actions were so sinful that he could no longer be a member of the Church.

The king was filled with anger. He and his soldiers went to the bishop’s cathedral while Stanislaus was celebrating Mass. The king ordered his soldiers to kill Stanislaus, but they refused to obey him. Boleslaus used his own sword to kill the beloved bishop.

The Church honors Saint Stanislaus as a martyr. He died in 1079 celebrating the Eucharist with the people he loved. Pope Innocent IV canonized him in 1253. We pray that receiving Holy Communion will help us to “go in peace to love and serve the Lord” as Stanislaus did.

PARISH OFFERING

Week of April 4, 2021

Saturday, 7:00 PM (50).....	\$162.00
Sunday, 8:00 AM (62).....	\$425.00
Sunday, 10:30 AM (119).....	\$415.00
TOTAL	\$1,002.00
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Online Giving.....	\$1,735.00
Loaves & Fishes.....	\$593.00
Holy Land—Good Friday.....	\$609.00
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FROM THE DIOCESE OF BRIDGEPORT

A Call for Renewal

The Diocese has launched the “Call to Renewal” website to serve as a guide to the Year of St. Joseph and overall renewal efforts. The website is designed to provide information related to the spiritual and pastoral renewal of the diocese as called for in Bishop Caggiano’s Pastoral Exhortation, “Let us Enter the Upper Room with the Lord.”



The website includes updates on the Year of St. Joseph, the Diocesan Ambassadors Program, opportunities for Reconciliation and Eucharistic Adoration, and more. “I pray that you will find these resources helpful as we seek to renew our Church in Fairfield County,” said the bishop. For additional information please check out the Diocese of Bridgeport website.

www.bridgeportdiocese.org/call-to-renewal/welcome/



2021 Annual Catholic Appeal

We are hopeful that 100% of our registered households will respond to the 2021 Annual Catholic Appeal. While the level of sacrifice will differ from parishioner to parishioner, an Appeal gift this year is within the reach of the majority of our people. Please prayerfully consider supporting the Annual Catholic Appeal with a pledge or one-time gift as your means allow. Your support is much needed and will be greatly appreciated!

ONLINE GIVING

Online Giving is a safe, secure, and easy way for you to make your weekly offertory and special collections and contributions in support of our Parish. The service is easy to set up and manage. To sign up, visit our Parish website and click on the Online Giving logo located on the main page. Thank you for your consideration.

Online Giving is also available as an app for Apple and Android devices. Scan the QR code to the right and enter Church ID 1376 when you register.



BEREAVEMENT GROUP FOR THE WIDOWED

A support group for women and men who have lost a spouse or significant other. The meetings are held in Doran Hall. For detailed information, including dates and times, contact Donna Hughes at (203) 595-0603 or donnahez@aol.com.

In your prayers...



Remember the men and women in the Armed Forces and all who protect us and put themselves in harm’s way on our behalf; may they be shielded from danger; and for their families and loved ones. In particular, Andrew Anderson, Christopher Blasius, Nick Carella, Ian Francis, Samantha Krom, Christian Legaspe, Brendan Mayer, Steven Nolan, and Dylan Schneider.

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Christopher Anderson, Jerry Anderson, Patrick Battinelli, Rosemary Bella, David Bodofsky, Sal Bonina, Aisha Bonny, Taylor Bova, Estelle Caridi, Frank Carreiro, Mary Caruso, Daniel Caruso, Elena Cates, Toni Coe, Frank Colandro, Sandra Coppola, Sonya Correntee, Anthony Covino, Patti Crowley, Marge Denicola, Steven DiCiccio, Barbara Eilertsen, Carl Ezzo, Johann Fernando, Gerry Fraioli, Jessica Franco, Pat Gil, Adam Godlewski, Carol Happel, Marge Hogan, Rachel Hogan, Bernard Izzo, Susan Jacobsen, Jessica Mages, Mary Joyce-McDonough, Carol Kane, Liam Kelly, Kathy L., Joseph Laria, Caitlin Laria, Megan Lemoung, Gary Livia, Miguel Machado, Mark, Frank McNerney, Mary Montaine, Mary Palmer, Harper Pappas, Michael Pataky, Guillaume Paulemon, Sylvia Privil, Sandy Recchia, Rev. Alfred Riendeau, Julie Salce, Lois Scatton, Gina Stuart, Anthony Tomczyk, Lucille Tomzick, and Betty Vitti.

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY



What a wonderful joy fills us today as we ponder the inexhaustible mercy of God. "Mercy is the heart of God," Pope Francis tells us. The image of a heart has been used to point to the very life

source of a person as it is the organ that allows life to flow through our veins and sustain us. Mercy is the heart of God. Imagine this dynamic, powerful, compassionate, piercing, embracing, loving, propelling, penetrating, absorbing, and enveloping, transforming presence of God flowing into the very depth of our souls. It is God's mercy that allows blood to flow through our veins. It is God's mercy that forms every atom of our being and leads us to what is true. God's mercy reveals all superficiality and falsehood, and lays bare all distortions, empty promises, weakness, and sin.

"Mercy is the force that reawakens us to new life and instills in us the courage to look to the future with hope," Pope Francis continues. God's all-forgiving, compassionate love is with us. When we finally believe and accept that Christ's resurrected transfigured presence resides with us, we then find within us a strong confidence to accept life's imperfections and disappointments and move on. Every day is a new adventure in new life. God leaves the past behind and opens doors to the future. It doesn't matter how many mistakes we made yesterday. All that matters is what we do tomorrow and what we learn along the way. It is so easy to remain tethered and mired in the past, but there is no need to do so. God is all about tomorrow and the work God has yet to do in our lives.

Mercy gives birth to hope. Hope for the greatest of sinners and hope for the worst of disasters. There is nothing God cannot do and nothing God cannot fashion. After all, everything we know and treasure was once nothing, and look what God did with the nothing God had! The resurrected Christ stands before us with nail marks in his wrists and wounds on his body as a testament that not even injustice, suffering and death can trample over and destroy God's mercy. What have we to fear? Why do we keep ourselves from peace? Our lack of faith prevents us from going forward and fully receiving the holiness God desires to breathe upon us. Breathe in God's mercy, allow the wind of God's presence to kiss all of your sins and caress all of your fears. Exhale peace.

IMPORTANT NOTICE FOR ALL VOLUNTEERS—VIRTUS

Continuing Education on abuse prevention is critical in maintaining Safe Environments into the future. The Diocese of Bridgeport Office of Safe Environments has issued "a newly revised Policy and Procedures Relating to Allegations of Sexual Abuse of Minors by Priests or Deacons or by Lay Employees or Volunteers." This policy is contained within the 2020 Safe Environments Handbook (www.bridgeportdiocese.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/11/Safe-Environment-decree-final.pdf). All volunteers, especially those who will be returning to parish ministry, are required to review the revised handbook, found on your Virtus account profile. Following the review, the "2020 Safe Environments Handbook Executive Summary for Lay Volunteers" must be signed and submitted to Sandra Kluun, Coordinator.



COVID-19 POLICIES COME JOIN US...NO SEAT RESERVATIONS NEEDED!



Online and call-in reservations are no longer necessary to attend regular weekend Masses.

As we have been doing since June 2020, you will arrive and sit in a pew marked with yellow tape. Once all marked spaces are occupied, the greeter will inform you that the church is full. Please do all that is possible to either shift to the middle of the pew or allow someone who needs a seat to enter your pew.

Please be patient with greeters and ushers who will help get you seated in a safe manner. Masks, hand-sanitizing, and social distancing are still required.

As the pandemic continues, these guidelines may be subject to change. Visit www.diobpt.org and click the Coronavirus banner at the top to see the latest information and updates for the Diocese of Bridgeport.

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